



1. (Currently amended) A compound according to the structure:



where R¹ is an

optionally substituted $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{C-R}_a \end{array}$ group;

R_a is a H, OH, a C₁-C₁₀ optionally substituted alkyl or alkenyl group, an optionally substituted O-(C₁-C₇ alkyl group) or O-aryl group, an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenearyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C₁-C₆) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C₁-C₆) alkylene heterocyclic group;

R² is a $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{C-R}_b \end{array}$ group;

R_b is a H, OH, C₁-C₁₀, optionally substituted alkyl or alkenyl group, an optionally substituted O-(C₁-C₇ alkyl group) or O-aryl group, an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenearyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C₁-C₆) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C₁-C₆) alkylene heterocyclic group;

with the proviso that at least one of R¹ and R² contains an R_a or R_b group which is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group which may be

optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenearyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C₁-C₆) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C₁-C₆) alkylene heterocyclic group; or a stereoisomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, and polymorph thereof.

2. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is OH or an optionally substituted O-(C₁-C₇ alkyl group) or O-aryl group; and

R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or an optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenearyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C₁-C₆) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C₁-C₆) alkylene heterocyclic group.

3. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is OH.

4. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is an optionally substituted O-(C₁-C₇ alkyl group) or O-aryl group.

5. (Original) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_a is an optionally substituted O-(C₁-C₇ alkyl group) or O-aryl group.

6. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_a is an optionally substituted O-(C₁-C₇ alkyl group).

7. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenearyl group, (C₁-C₆) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C₁-C₆) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C₁-C₆) alkylene heterocyclic group.

8. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group.

9. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 4 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group.

10. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is an optionally substituted O- (C_1-C_7) alkyl group) and R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group.

11. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R_a is a O- (C_1-C_3) alkyl) group or an O-phenyl group.

12. (Original) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R_a is a O- (C_1-C_3) alkyl) group or an O-phenyl group.

13. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 4 wherein R_b is an amine group

which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R_a is a O-(C₁-C₃ alkyl) group or an O-phenyl group.

14. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

15. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

16. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

17. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

18. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

19. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

20. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

21. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 8 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

22. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

23. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 10 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

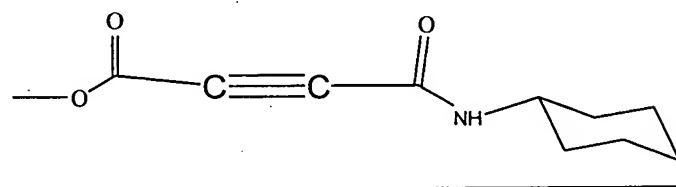
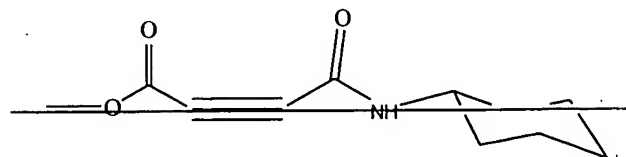
24. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 11 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

25. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

26. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 13 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

27.-30. Cancelled.

31. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 according to the chemical structure:



32. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 31 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.